



Application Serial No. 10/615,543
Attorney Docket No. HES 2003-IP-010083U1

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JUSTUS ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/615,543

Filed: July 8, 2003

Title: "REDUCED-DENSITY PROPPANTS AND
METHODS OF USING REDUCED-
DENSITY PROPPANTS TO ENHANCE
THEIR TRANSPORT IN WELL BORES
AND FRACTURES"

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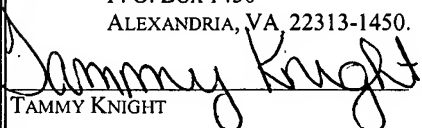

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application;
(ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for

the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. §146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 22, 2005 (the “Final Office Action”), and the Advisory Action mailed December 14, 2005 (the “Advisory Action”), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.
- **Summary and Petition for Extension of Time to File this Response**, which begins on page 19 of this paper.